

MISSION

SHARE GOD'S LOVE
LIVE GOD'S WORD
GROW GOD'S KINGDOM

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WE ARE A COMMUNITY
COMPELLED BY THE LOVE
OF CHRIST TO MAKE A
DIFFERENCE IN A WORLD IN
NEED.



Strawbridge
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Messenger

October 2015

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September 30, 2015

Dear Friends of Strawbridge,

The book of Acts recounts an amazing time in the life of the church. Disciples frequently displayed mighty deeds of power, thousands were cut to the heart by a single sermon, and the church bore witness to Christ in such a way that the Spirit added to their numbers daily with the goodwill of the people. We believe the Spirit is still at work in our church today, and that we are called by grace to the same power and practice exhibited by the first century Christians.

During the month of October we will be celebrating stewardship by focusing on the way we support Strawbridge with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness. The sermons during the month will focus on the Power and Practice of the Early Church as found in Acts 2:37-47. I encourage you to begin studying the second chapter of Acts, especially those 10 verses in preparation for the series.

Please begin praying for our church, especially during this month as we prepare for **Commitment Sunday on October 25**. During worship that morning you will be given an opportunity to make your financial commitment to the church for 2016. The results of which help our ministry areas budget for the coming year.

If you are currently tithing to the church, I thank you for your faithful support. If you are not, I invite you to begin praying for how you might take that next step in your discipleship journey by moving toward the full tithe, or regular giving to the church.

This year has been an amazing year, and God has been at work in us, through us and beyond us in powerful ways. I look forward to next year, and even bigger and better ways we can join the kingdom work of Sharing God's Love, Living God's Word, and Growing God's Kingdom—all of which are made possible by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness!

Yours in Christ,

Dr. Todd Jordan
Senior Pastor

HAPPENINGS AT SUMC

Mission Focus for October is Helping Hands— a Neighborhood Mission

This mission provides volunteers on a regular basis to complete small one day projects for our neighbors in the Porter and New Caney area. Projects range from cleaning yards of brush, raking leaves, small repairs and painting. Work projects are typically scheduled on a weekend and are staffed by volunteers from Sunday School classes or small groups in the church. If you would like to volunteer with this mission outreach contact Bill Chenault at bill.chenault@gmail.com

Women's Ministry Presents Praying the Psalms

This Wednesday study is in the Great Hall (Room 114) from 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. The Book of Psalms has been the prayer and song book for ancient Israel and Christian churches throughout the millennia. The Psalms express every human emotion and the desires of our hearts. Bring your Bibles and join us as we take a closer look at the Book of Psalms and learn how the words of the psalmists may become the prayers of our own hearts. Childcare will

be provided. Sign up in the Activity Corridor or just come join us!

Adult Nursery Workers

We are looking for Adults who would like to work in our Nursery on a continuous basis throughout the year. Contact Emily Bankston at 281-360-4500.

The Mission Milby

This group is planning a Fall Festival to be held Saturday, October 24th at 4:00 p.m. at Mission Milby. We will have games and Trunk or Treat activities for the youth and their families. Volunteers are needed! For more information or to volunteer contact Rhian Webb at rhian515@gmail.com



Newest Members

Please welcome the newest additions to our church facility: 2 brand new 15-passenger church buses with one of them equipped for wheel-chair accessibility. As our age-level programs have increased in numbers, so has our need for safe, reliable

transportation. Thanks to the overwhelming and generous response to our capital campaign, we were able to purchase not 1 but 2 buses which are available for children, youth, seniors, mission teams, and any other church group ready to bring God's word out into the world. Thank you for all the ways you support our church, and pray we continue to be blessed to be a blessing!

Men's Breakfast

Join us on Saturday, October 17th in the Strawbridge Activity Center (SAC) from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Our own Bill Chenault will talk about The Flying Tigers of World War II lead by Brigadier General Claire Chennault (September 6, 1893-July 27, 1958). Memorabilia will be on display and you can sign up in the Activity Corridor or contact Jerry Raymond at 281-318-2125. This event is sponsored by the Men's Bible Study Class. Bring a friend, everyone is always welcome!

Have little ones?

Check out our nursery today!



Toddler Nursery

Room 107

Infant Nursery

Room 109



Nursery Director: Debbie Sundgren

We would love to have your precious child in the nursery! There are complimentary pagers for you take to Worship and to Sunday school. Please let us know if you have any questions! Stop by today!



**Charge Conference, October 25, 2015,
immediately following the 11:15 Worship Service
in the Sanctuary**

*Below is a list of members that do not have a current
address listed with the church office.*

*Their names will be read at charge conference to remove from the membership rolls
after the second reading.*

*Please contact Sandra Plilar at sandra.plilar@strawbridge-umc.org
if you have a current address on any of these people.
Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.*

First Reading

Scott Livingston
Garry Musy
Mike Olmstead
Barry Shelden
Kathy Shelden

Kelly Shelden
Stacy Shelden
Cody Wright
Shayne Wright

Second Reading

Robin Anderson
Julie Armstrong
Mark Blakelock
Ben Boyd
Donna Boyd
Anne Branton
Eric Branton
Patty Brinker
Jim Bryan
Kandi Bryan
Wayde Bryan
Lydia Cepeda
Melissa Dalley
Mary Lisa Dalzell
Lori Ann Delange
Shelbee Elkins
Amanda Hagood
Sandy Mickell Harrison
David Henrick
Stephanie Henrick
Regan Henrick
Hunter Henrick
Charles Holland
Janet Holland
Brittany Lovelace
Boyd Lovelace
Austen Lovelace
Denise Lovelace

Travis Maddox
Virginia Maddox
Bill Marshall
Marta Marshall
Karen Matherly
Marvin Monk
Tracy Monk
Kristi Nix
Erin Okeson
Jennifer Pedigo
Jeremy Pedigo
Payton Piercy
Kim Rankin
Blake Strejc
Nick Strejc
Douglas Michael Trykoski
Gregory Trykoski
Jeffrey Trykoski
Matt Turner
Antonio Villegas
Daniel Walker
Ronnie Walker
Jon Wickiser
Carrie Wickiser
Julie Wright
Cara Wright
Terri Zimmer

Attendance

September 6
 9:00 Worship 155
 11:15 Worship 170
 Sunday School 153

September 13
 9:00 Worship 194
 11:15 Worship 186
 Sunday School 214

September 20
 9:00 Worship 213
 11:15 Worship 193
 Sunday School 170

September 27
 9:00 Worship 202
 11:15 Worship 215
 Sunday School 208

Welcome New Members

Joined 9/13/15
 Brad & Jennifer Schuck
 Child: Chloe Marie

Joined 9/20/15
 Jonathan and Felicia Cumby
 Child: Jaxon

Joined 9/27/15
 Ken and Debbie Beeney



Baptized
 IN THE NAME
 OF THE
 THE Son AND THE
 Holy Spirit

September 27, 2015
 Isla Rose Ketchey
 Daughter of Bobbie and Robyn
 Ketchey and Granddaughter of
 Robert and Rhian Webb

This thank you note that we received from Society of St. Stephen shows us that by sharing the gifts we receive we are able to help others to continue the good works to be done for those less fortunate.

It's a Boy!



William Iley Chenault, IV was born on September 8, 2015. The proud parents are Lee & Sarah Chenault and the proud grandparents are Bill & Beth Chenault

To the congregation and staff of Strawbridge UMC, the volunteers and clients of Society of St. Stephen are very grateful for your very generous donation of \$3,000.00. We will do our best to be good stewards of the funds entrusted to us to provide food, utility assistance, medications, school supplies and holiday baskets and toys to families in need.

Thank you for your generous donation to Society of St. Stephen. With your help, we are able to reach out to many in need in our community. As Jesus told his disciples, "Freely you have received, freely give." Thank you for your gift from the heart.

Thank You From the Staff of
Society of St. Stephen

Lynna A. Harper

"Give, and it will be given to you..."
 Luke 6:38 (NIV)

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Share the Good News!
Newsletter Submissions

| Submission Deadline: | For Issue: |
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| October 15th | November |

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October Birthdays

| | | | | | |
|-------------------|-------|-------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|
| Cindy Rasch | 10/1 | Nathan Kortus | 10/11 | Bryan Henry | 10/21 |
| Christian Davis | 10/1 | Ryan Hensley | 10/11 | Andrew Boyd | 10/22 |
| Cayde Ellender | 10/1 | Daniel Tatarzyn | 10/11 | Emma Hurlbert | 10/22 |
| Ed Shields | 10/2 | Jim Morris | 10/11 | Kristen Deerhake | 10/22 |
| Lori Tierney | 10/2 | Steven Dietrich | 10/11 | Christopher Yoder | 10/22 |
| Heather George | 10/2 | Jackson Murphy | 10/12 | Paige Stroud | 10/22 |
| Erin Harrison | 10/2 | Lauren Worzel | 10/12 | Josh Allen | 10/22 |
| Alexander Suarez | 10/2 | David Campbell | 10/12 | Kitty Houser | 10/23 |
| David Price | 10/3 | Brian Blakemore | 10/12 | Max Gosney | 10/23 |
| Martha Paradysz | 10/3 | Robert Anderson | 10/13 | Michael Zientek | 10/24 |
| Camryn Creech | 10/3 | Sean McLallen | 10/13 | Jon Ashley | 10/24 |
| Steve Champion | 10/3 | Melody Bromley | 10/13 | James Slaughter | 10/24 |
| Robert | | Venus Price | 10/14 | Anne Van Dyke | 10/24 |
| Bernshausen | 10/5 | Stefanie Jordan | 10/14 | Michael Thrash | 10/25 |
| Janis Shields | 10/5 | Adam Bauserman | 10/14 | Lindsey Ott | 10/25 |
| Cullen Green | 10/5 | Maximus | | Dan Herink | 10/26 |
| John Paradysz | 10/5 | Duncan Gombash | 10/14 | Alex Averill | 10/27 |
| Natalie Whitley | 10/5 | Hannah Dove | 10/14 | Meagan Roy | 10/28 |
| Kathryn Alexander | 10/5 | Andy McMahon | 10/14 | Lindsay Piliar | 10/28 |
| Kristen Genter | 10/5 | Bill Elston | 10/15 | Jason Welborn | 10/29 |
| Chardonnay Phelan | 10/5 | Lee Danner | 10/16 | Gabby Rendon | 10/29 |
| Richard Vannauker | 10/6 | Linda Knight | 10/16 | Chris Vick | 10/29 |
| Kay Burleson | 10/6 | Kyle Welborn | 10/16 | Robert Stierwald | 10/29 |
| David Sommer | 10/6 | Michael Szeplaki | 10/17 | Damian Bornstein | 10/30 |
| Claude Perret | 10/6 | Sarah Hoener | 10/17 | Cameron Bright | 10/30 |
| Ashley Rollo | 10/7 | Daisye Prater | 10/17 | Jennifer Neidinger | 10/31 |
| Jake Pinkston | 10/7 | Sarah Olsakovsky | 10/18 | Jerry Hoose | 10/31 |
| Gwenn Caldwell | 10/7 | Joseph Howard | 10/18 | Hannah Burnett | 10/31 |
| Connie Belk | 10/8 | Kimberly Hurlbert | 10/18 | | |
| Michael Stroud | 10/8 | Corie Vittitow | 10/18 | | |
| Audrey Gardner | 10/9 | Angela Morisette | 10/18 | | |
| Tom Chandler | 10/9 | Gary Goldman | 10/18 | | |
| Kara McNiven | 10/9 | Randy Kortus | 10/19 | | |
| Caley Rincones | 10/9 | Marlee Magee | 10/19 | | |
| Wendy Wright | 10/10 | Michelle Ashley | 10/19 | | |
| Dylan Simmons | 10/10 | Shelby Shull | 10/20 | | |
| Lisa Swank | 10/10 | Stefani Claros | 10/20 | | |
| Maddie Ross | 10/10 | Anna Larson | 10/20 | | |
| Lexi Clidienst | 10/11 | Nichelle Strzepek | 10/20 | | |
| Lee Kidd | 10/11 | Annie Saenz | 10/20 | | |